



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received below average amounts of precipitation last week, except the Western Slope which was a little above average. Overall, snowpack is up 1 percent from the previous week to 122 percent of the State average. Temperatures across the State were a little below average for this time of year. Farmers were allowed 4.9 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	17	30	48	5
Last Week	15	31	48	6
Last Year	3	8	80	9

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	32	49	5
Last Week	12	33	52	3
Last Year	5	18	73	4

Field Crops: Winter wheat was 5 percent pastured last week, with the crop rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring barley was 22 percent seeded by week's end, up 10 percent from the previous week. Dry onions were 35 percent planted, and spring wheat was 15 percent seeded. Sugarbeets were 9 percent planted by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 6, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	10	23	35	25	7
Last Year	3	4	16	35	42

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions were rated mostly fair to good across the State.

Livestock: Sixty-nine percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 59 percent of the ewes have lambed during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were both rated average. Stored feed supplies are also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 6, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	7	22	47	23	1
Prev. Year – 2007	2	16	43	37	2
5-Year Avg.	15	25	38	20	2

Spring 2008 Calving and Lambing

	2008	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	69	67
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	59	61

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Development Ratings for Week Ending April 6, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	5	9	10	4
Jointed	7	1	7	8
Spring Barley				
Seeded	22	12	25	25
Emerged	6	1	7	9
Spring Wheat				
Planted	15	10	12	16
Emerged	4	1	2	5
Dry Onions				
Planted	35	25	39	45
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	3	0	9	6
Sugarbeets				
Planted	9	5	12	18

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	10	23	35	25	7
Livestock	1	4	20	58	17

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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